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The following United States patent, which comprise the aforementioned information, is as follows:

<u>PATENT NO.</u>	<u>ISSUE DATE</u>	<u>PATENTEE</u>
3,871,570	March 18, 1975	Garmon
4,905,834	March 6, 1990	Mur Gimeno et al.
4,923,113	May 8, 1990	Guijarro
5,052,615	October 1, 1991	Ott: Edward L. et al.
5,429,296	July 4, 1995	Southwell et al.
5,458,283	October 17, 1995	Southwell et al.

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<u>PATENT NO.</u>	<u>ISSUE DATE</u>	<u>PATENTEE</u>
5,673,848	October 7, 1997	Garza
5,860,590	January 19, 1999	Blomfield et al.
6,460,758	October 8, 2002	Fenton et al.
6,481,619	November 19, 2002	Jackson

The following foreign patents, which comprise in part the aforementioned information, are as follows:

<u>COUNTRY/REF. NO.</u>	<u>PUB. DATE</u>	<u>BASIS FOR RELEVANCE</u>
DE/40 17 416 A1	December 6, 1990	Two piece lidded produce tray.
EP/0 326 451 B1	March 24, 1993	Trays with inclined sidewalls.
FR/2 306 888	November 5, 1976	Tray with corner gussets and stacking tabs.
AU/A-13040/92	November 26, 1992	English language reference.
AU/A-61361/90	March 14, 1991	English language reference.
GB/2 043 596 A	October 8, 1980	English language reference.
GB/2 086 352 A	May 12, 1982	English language reference.
GB/2 194 776 A	March 16, 1988	English language reference.

The following documents comprise said information:

"The White Sheet", *Board Converting News*, March 29, 1999, N.V. Publications, Vol. 15, No. 13, pp. 1, 20, 22 and last page;

Presentation Brochure, "Corrugated Common Footprint for Product Packaging, Kroger, September 13, 2000", by Fibre Box Association; and

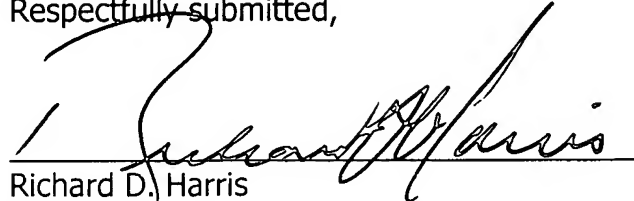
Series of Photos of "In Line Automatic Container Stacker", Avon Products, Inc. Atlanta Distribution Center, device dates to at least as early as February 24, 2001.

Copies of the foregoing references are attached for consideration by the Examiner.

Should anything further be required, a telephone call to the undersigned at (312) 476-5019 is respectfully requested.

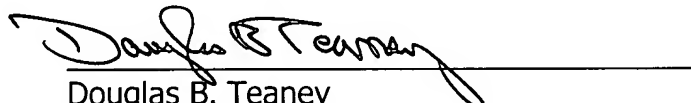
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